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PROJECT: DIGITAL vs CORRUPTION

Digital vs Corrupt – an international initiative addressing corruption through digital tools and youth engagement

April 2026 - Partners in the project, coordinated by EPEKA MNE, joined forces and - based on the training courses carried out during the project - developed user-oriented materials for youth workers, public officials, CSOs, and professionals related to identifying corruption, addressing this socially harmful phenomenon, and acting appropriately when encountering situations of corruption. The following practical materials were developed
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- **Toolkits:** Provides practical guidance for recognizing and reporting corruption in business and public sector. It is designed for youth, youth workers, civil society organizations, private an public sector actors. Documents explain key corruption risks, reporting principles, step-by-step procedures, and digital tools, with added tables for clarity and training use.

- **Training materials:** The training materials are designed to build knowledge and practical competences for understanding and addressing corruption in business and public sector. They combine theoretical content with interactive learning methods and real-life examples, ensuring that participants not only learn about corruption but also gain the tools and confidence to act against it. They can be used as a complete training program or as individual modules, depending on participants' needs and prior knowledge.

- **Manuals:** The Youth work manuals on non-formal education methods to prevent corruption in business and public sector was created to help youth workers, educators, and entrepreneurs explore the impact of corruption on society, business, and the environment. Using innovative non-formal education methods, it enables young people to develop integrity and ethical awareness while actively contributing to democratic and sustainable communities.
  It is important to highlight the role of whistleblowers, for which the dedicated set of all three materials has also been prepared, as they play a particularly significant role in the phenomenon of corruption. Whistleblowers play a crucial role in exposing corruption, fraud, abuse of power, conflicts of interest and violations of the

public interest. By speaking up, they help protect communities, strengthen transparency and support democratic accountability. At the same time, reporting wrongdoing can expose individuals to stigma, retaliation, isolation and legal uncertainty.

All materials are available on the website **https://www.digitalvscorrupt.eu**

This will ensure that the project's objective is achieved: to make tools for addressing corruption in both the business and public sectors available to the widest possible range of interested stakeholders beyond the circle of project participants.

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